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SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20543**

**FACT SHEET FOR PROSPECTIVE INDIGENT PETITIONERS  
FOR WRITS OF CERTIORARI**

**The Time for Filing**

You must file your petition for a writ of certiorari within 90 days from the date of the entry of the final judgment in the United States court of appeals or highest state appellate court or 90 days from the denial of a timely filed petition for rehearing. The issuance of a mandate or remittitur after judgment has been entered has no bearing on the computation of time and does not extend the time for filing. See Rules 13.1 and 13.3. Filing in the Supreme Court means the actual receipt of documents by the Clerk; or their deposit in the United States mail, with first-class postage prepaid, on or before the final date allowed for filing; or their delivery to a third-party commercial carrier, on or before the final date allowed for filing, for delivery to the Clerk within 3 calendar days. See Rule 29.2.

**What To File**

Unless you are an inmate confined in an institution and not represented by counsel, file:  
—An original and ten copies of a motion for leave to proceed in forma pauperis and an original and 10 copies of an affidavit or declaration in support thereof. See Rule 39.

—An original and 10 copies of a petition for a writ of certiorari with an appendix consisting of a copy of the judgment or decree you are asking this Court to review including any order on rehearing, and copies of any opinions or orders by any courts or administrative agencies that have previously considered your case. See Rule 14.1(i).

—One affidavit or declaration showing that all opposing parties or their counsel have been served with a copy of the papers filed in this Court. See Rule 29.

If you are an inmate confined in an institution and not represented by counsel, you need file only the original of the motion for leave to proceed in forma pauperis, affidavit or declaration in support of the motion for leave to proceed in forma pauperis, the petition for a writ of certiorari, and proof of service.

**Page Limitation**

The petition for a writ of certiorari may not exceed 40 pages excluding the pages that precede Page 1 of the form. The documents required to be contained in the appendix to the petition do not count toward the page limit. See Rule 33.2(b).

**Method of Filing**

All documents to be filed in this Court must be addressed to the

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and must be served on opposing parties or their counsel in accordance with Rule 29.